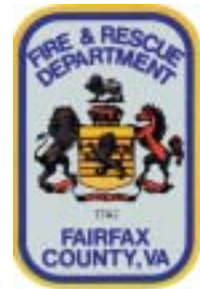


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November/December 2001 Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department



Lieutenant Victor M. Miller (Fire and Rescue Station No. 8, C-Shift) (left) and Captain I Steven I. Weissman (Safety Officer, C-Shift) survey the damage at a Christmas Eve housefire located at 6720 Fern Lane in the Annandale area of the county. Photo by Josh Allen.



Edward L. Stinnette

"I believe that it is extremely important that those who will lead this organization into the future have their imprint on where we are going."

From The Fire Chief . . .

As you are aware, the Department has been working hard the past six months developing a strategic plan that will set the direction and focus of our organization for the next three years. To date, I'm very pleased with the work that has been accomplished.

Our vision statement, mission statement, and core values have already been sent to every member of the department with an accompanying letter outlining our intentions. At the recommendation of the Strategic Planning Group, I plan to visit every shift in every work location during the next three months to discuss these important guiding principles and to receive your feedback and input. While this is a very aggressive agenda, I believe it is essential to have one-on-one dialogue on this all-important initiative, it also ensures that your thoughts and ideas are heard during this process.

The work that has been completed includes:

- The Fire and Rescue Department's leadership agreed on the elements to be included in the strategic planning process.
- A list of stakeholders have been identified.
- A communications plan has been developed for communicating with stakeholders.

- To obtain a cross-section of departmental views, approximately 100 fire and rescue department members were either interviewed, were part of several focus groups, or responded to a survey.
- The first strategic planning retreat was held with a cross-section of 45 fire and rescue department members.
- A vision statement, mission statement, and statement of core values has been developed.
- An assessment of our operating environment and organizational capabilities has been completed.
- Strategic goals were identified and a list of strategic issues facing the fire and rescue department have been developed and refined.
- Broad strategies have been prepared to address strategic issues.
- Approximately 80 participants participated in a second planning retreat where drafts of proposed fire and rescue department operating goals for year one of the strategic plan was developed.

By the time you receive this edition of *Line Copy* I will have already visited several stations. One question that is continuously asked: "why are we devoting so much time and effort on this initiative"? I believe that it is extremely important that those who will lead this organization into the future have their imprint on where we are going. This strategic plan will help us do that.

As this plan takes shape, and is communicated to the entire Department, our core values will always be at the heart and foundation of everything we do. ❖

Edward L. Stinnette, *Fire Chief*
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From The Editor . . .



We are in the midst of creating a new and "improved" publication designed primarily for our citizens and customers. We presently know it in its present form as a tri-fold pamphlet called *Fire and Rescue At Your Service*. It's heavy on our history, and breaks out our organization in functional components. A majority of that information is already in our 2002 *Calendar/Annual Report*.

The new and "improved" publication will focus more on the services we provide, emergency and non-emergency, programs we offer, frequently asked questions, and how to get in touch with us. It will also take everyone through the 9-1-1 process, provide important safety tips, and show where we're located in the county. It's also designed to be a more user friendly publication that leaves no doubt to the reader the value we as a department and we as

individuals add to the community and its citizens.

The name will remain as is: *Fire and Rescue At Your Service*. The design, layout, and format will be similar to our *After the Fire* publication. Our intent is to provide a better product that will help show our audience who we are, what we do, and where we are. We also believe it helps support the Department's new vision statement: **Dedicated to being the best community-focused fire and rescue department working as a team to ensure a safe and secure environment for all those entrusted to our care.**

We hope it becomes one of our best marketing tools; with everyone's help and commitment I'm sure it will.

We hope to have it published and distributed to the field no later than April 1. ♦

Upcoming Events


February 2002

- 7 Fire Chief's Visit, Battalion 1
C-Shift
- 14 Fire Chief's Visit, Battalion 2
C-Shift
- Child Passenger Safety Checkpoint
Fire and Rescue Station No. 38
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- 19 Washington's Birthday
- 20 Work Performance Evaluation, A-Shift
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Contact: Lieutenant Morrison
(703) 246-3970
- 25 Work Performance Evaluation, B-Shift
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Contact: Lieutenant Morrison
(703) 246-3970
- 26 EEO Training
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
(Captain I & Lieutenant)
Contact: Captain Sweatt
(703) 246-3960
- 28 Fire Chief's Visit, Battalion 3
A-Shift
- Child Passenger Safety Checkpoint
Fire and Rescue Station No. 23
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.


March

- 6 Work Performance Evaluation, B-Shift
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Contact: Lieutenant Morrison
(703) 246-3970
- 7 Fire Chief's Visit, Battalion 4
A-Shift
- Spring Senior Operations Symposium
B-Shift
8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Work Performance Evaluation, C-Shift
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Contact: Lieutenant Morrison
(703) 246-3970
- 8 Work Performance Evaluation, B-Shift
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Contact: Lieutenant Morrison
(703) 246-3970
- Child Passenger Safety Checkpoint
Fire and Rescue Station No. 35
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- 10 Work Performance Evaluation, A-Shift
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Contact: Lieutenant Morrison
(703) 246-3970

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Fire and Rescue Department



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A Vision, Mission, and Core Value—Our Guiding Principles
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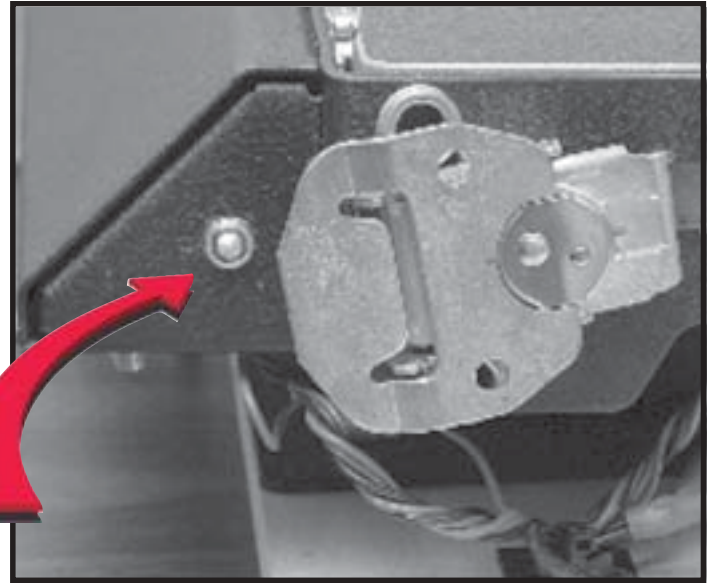
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Mobile Communication Terminal {MCT}

By Captain I Gerald Jaskulski
Public Safety Communications Center

Overview
The Mobile Communication Terminal (MCT) subsystem provides for high-speed digital communication between the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system and mobile fire units. Its purpose is to provide timely transmission of dispatch data, location hazards, and other related event data. The design and structure of the system also supports the future implementation of local system applications, increasing the capabilities and functionality of fire units. The unit was designed for in-vehicle installation (hostile environment). However, we must remember the MCT is still only a computer. As with any equipment, sometimes computers malfunction. The MCT is connected to the Vehicle Radio Modem (VRM), and is able to talk to the network. If you experience problems with transmissions from the MCT, the first check is to ensure the VRM is powered-up. The green light will be glowing on the docking station and the VRM front lights will be on. Both appliances work in tandem.



Vehicle Radio Modem Power Light

Front-line Apparatus

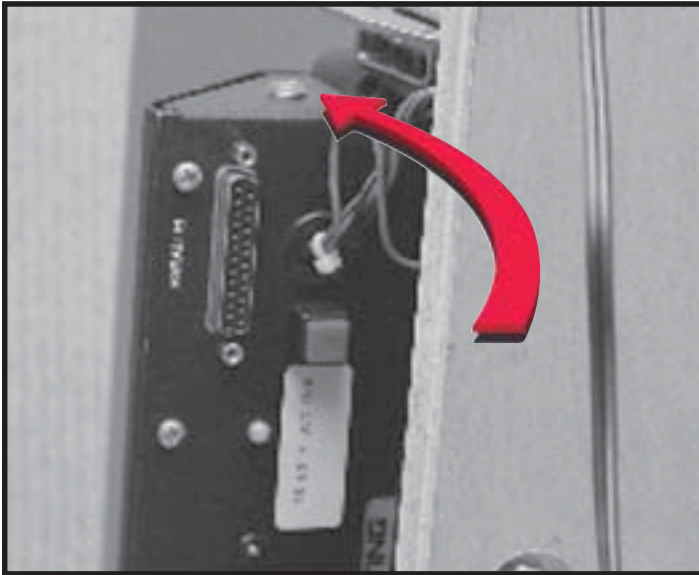
Front line units have the VRM modem wired to the "hot" battery terminal. If you are in a heavy-stock piece of equipment (engine, truck, rescue, medic or ambulance) and are going to be out of service more than four hours and not connected to a shoreline, it is important to make sure the VRM and MCT is shut-off. Shut down the MCT (ALT F4), and then push the RED button on the bottom of the docking station to shut the VRM off. The green light will go off.



Mobile Communication Terminal (MCT)



Vehicle Radio Modem (VRM) (Photos by PSC-III John Ronan)



Vehicle Radio Modem Power Button (Photos by PSC-III John Ronan)

CAD Terminology

Warm Start

The CAD system is usually brought back up as a warm start. This means that units that were signed on prior to the computer shutdown will still be on the system. All fire units need to do is just check their status (FUS).

Cold Start

When the CAD system is brought back up as a cold start, all signed on units must shutdown their MCT prior to signing back onto the system.

Steps to signing on a MCT fire unit:

- ALT-F4 (shut down the unit first)
- Once the MCT has shut down, turn-on the MCT by pushing the **yellow button** once (allow two minutes for boot-up)
- Let the MCT go through the boot-up process
- Once the boot-up process is completed, push the sign on or **S/O** button
- Fill out the sign-on screen

Steps to signing on to an MCT:

- Password - FIREMDT
- Unit ID - Unit Identifier (Example M407)
- VEH # - (Example 074555)
- Push Transmit Button (Check the status of the unit)

To facilitate the MCT's getting updates from the server, it's important to shut down the MCT units every few days during quiet times. While units are AIQ or AOR, go ahead and shut down the MCT units (ALT – F4). This will only take a few minutes. During this time, ensure you monitor the radio. When this is completed, your unit will receive the latest updates. As you know, fire and rescue department units are always signed onto the CAD system. The only way for MCT units to get updates is during the boot-up process. During this time you will still be signed onto the system. After boot-up, just check your status (FUS). Each station has been issued three MCT manuals. If we all follow these procedures, units will be able to sign on more quickly.

Common MCT Commands

- FUS (Fire Unit Status)
- FUPR 26B1 Station lineup (One page at a time)
- BUDKeys (ER, OS, IN, S/O, LI, PH, M, TxT, TO, AK, TX)
- FN-C (Resets internal charger on MCT)
- ENR Hosp ... (F1 Key)
- At Hosp (F2 Key)
- AOR (F3 Key)
- AIQ (F4 Key)
- OUT (F5 Key)
- N MSG (F7 Key)
- FEH (F8 Key when assigned to incident)
- HYD (F9 Key when assigned to incident)
- FUH (F10 Key)
- ALT-M (Fire Soft Function Key- menu for all MCT functions)
- ALT-L (Fire Soft Function Key) Provides a list of all MCT transactions
- Shift-F1 (Fire Station Combinations)
- Shift-F2 (Hospital Status)
- Shift-F3 (Hospital Phone Numbers)

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The Little Engine That Could, And Did

By Deputy Chief Kenneth L. Jones
(Retired)

The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department rolled onto the world stage again in August 2001 when the European toy maker, CORGI Classic, featured a scale model of Engine 421 in its release of four fire fighting apparatus in their 2001 Catalog. The department had been working for several years to design a model of one of its units produced by a major toy manufacturer.

The actual effort began before the department's 50th Anniversary in 1998. One manufacturer initially agreed to produce an engine that would be produced in 1999 but withdrew the unit from the production schedule. The process took a unique turn in 2000. A factory representative from the CORGI Classic Company was on site at the Fire and Rescue Academy to take photos of the 1971 Seagrave engine that had just been reacquired from the Sperryville Volunteer Fire Department. Old Engine 24 was the first engine purchased for the department and the plan was to restore it for ceremonial use in the future.

While waiting for the staff to get the engine started and moved outside, the conversation moved to the possibility of getting any E-One engine painted in Fairfax County Fire and Rescue colors. I had five minutes to get an engine so photos could be taken. Hence, Engine 421 was used as the model being replicated.

When CORGI Classics indicated they would produce only 3,000 units, the department was offered first opportunity on the 1,700 units that were destined for the US market. The price set by

CORGI Classics indicated that there would be a profit to the department. Because Fairfax County cannot accept excess funding, the County allowed the department to donate the profit. Captain II Kevin Kincaid and Local 2068 were gracious enough to handle the monetary transactions and all the profits from the sale of the 368 units. Profit was divided between two

burn camps for children. A total of \$8,515.52 was raised and each burn camp received a check for \$4,257.76. The Aluminum Cans for Burned Children (ACBC) check was presented by Local 2068 President Mike Mohler to Captain Curtis Stilwell at Arlington County Fire Station No. 107. The other check will be presented to the IAFF Burn Camp in the near future.



Deputy Chief Kenneth L. Jones, retired (left) and Local 2068 President Michael Mohler (right) present Captain Curtis Stilwell, Arlington County Fire Department, with a check for \$4,257.76 earned during the sale of the Corgi model Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department's 1971 Seagrave engine to benefit ACBC.

This was truly a team effort with labor and management working together to raise funds for the burn camps and at the same time allowing the department to finally break into the collectable toy truck market. CORGI Classics said they were very impressed with the total sales effort by the department and will seriously consider the production of the 1971 Seagrave "The Route One Rocket" next year. Bob Mizer, volunteer liaison, has agreed to head up any follow-up efforts. I look forward to getting my order form next year and I know sales will be even better because we are helping someone who has suffered a great deal from the horrible effects of fire. ♦

The Firefighter Combat Challenge
2001 Season and World Championship Results
November 3 - 4, 2001
Memphis, Tennessee

Hello Everyone,

I am sending out this message on behalf of the Firefighter Combat Challenge Team, Lieutenant Jerome Williams, Academy-Basic Training Division, Lieutenant Sam Gray, McLean Fire and Rescue Station No. 1, Lieutenant Joe Knerr, North Point Fire and Rescue Station No. 39, Firefighter Brodie McKendree, Lorton Fire and Rescue Station No. 19, and Technician Rodney Vaughan, Merrifield Fire and Rescue Station No. 30, in reference to our recent achievements for the year and the 2001 World Championship held in Memphis, Tennessee.

Our 2001 season began in April with a few regional events, kicked off in our own back yard at Potomac Mills in Woodbridge, Virginia. We managed to place first beating Windsor, Ontario, in the final round, strictly a relay competition. That particular event is part of an annual competition held in conjunction with the National Football Players Association that was recorded and has been aired several times on ESPN and ESPN2.

We then ran another regional event in June at Franklin Mills in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Despite running the course in a torrential downpour we managed to pull out a first-place finish in the team event as well as first- and second-place in the individual categories. Our next event brought us somewhat closer to home, Camden Yards in Baltimore, Maryland, in late July. We posted our fastest team time of the year, good enough for first-place and also took a second- and third-place individual finish.

In late August, five of our team members flew to New Orleans for another all relay competition similar to the event we attended at Potomac Mills. After a few very close runs against teams from McKinney, Texas, and Travis Air Force Base, California, our team took home another first-place finish.

Our final regional event of the year led us down to Virginia Beach, Virginia, in late September. We took first-place in the relay competition and a first- and second-place finish in the individual category. That win led us to the World Championship held in Memphis, Tennessee, on November 3 - 4. Based on the times that we posted in the regional competitions our team was able to obtain byes in the relay and team competitions at the World Championship. Only the top five teams in both the United States and Canada were able to obtain byes out of nearly a hundred teams that attended the World Championship to qualify for the final day. Our relay team once again beat out Windsor, Ontario, in the final round to become World Champions, after six very close runs against some of the best teams in the world. Our team also finished with our best ever team time and posted some of our fastest individual runs. To give you a better look at the final standings I posted the web addresses for the final results below. Thanks.

Sincerely,
Rodney S. Vaughan

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Hot Shots



Fire blazes through the roof at 11020 Clara Barton Drive in the Fairfax Station area of the county. Firefighters brought this two-alarm fire under control in approximately 30 minutes. Damages were estimated at \$400,000. The cause of the fire was determined to be improper disposal of fireplace ashes.



Technician Edward T. Deskins (Fire and Rescue Station 16, A-Shift) pulls an additional handline to help extinguish the two-alarm fire on Clara Barton Drive.



An early morning fire caused \$450,000 damage on January 7, 2002. The home, located at 1408 Cool Spring Drive, first due area of Fire and Rescue Station No. 9, was fully involved on arrival. Master streams from E409 and T411 were put into service in battling the blaze.



A fire in the chimney at Garden World, located at Lee Highway and Shirley Gate Road, extended onto the roof. Firefighters from Truck 401 performed overhaul to ensure no fire extension.



Firefighters and paramedics load a patient into the Fairfax County Police helicopter. The individual was involved in a two-car crash on Braddock Road at the Fairfax County Parkway. The Fairfax County Police Helicopter Unit flew 269 medivac missions during 2001. (Photo by Josh Allen.)



Lieutenant Jerome I. Williams (Academy) was selected from more than 210,000 nominations submitted to the Salt Lake Organizing Committee to be one of the runners to carry the Olympic Torch. Lieutenant Williams was nominated by members of the 102nd recruit class who wrote a 50-100 word essay describing his inspirational spirit as it relates to the Olympic movement and his leadership in motivating others in overcoming adversity. Lieutenant Williams carried the Olympic Torch on December 21. (Photo by Josh Allen.)



Technician Daniel D. Shaw (Fire and Rescue Station 10, C-Shift) carried the Olympic Torch on December 22, in recognition of all Fallen Firefighters. Lieutenant Williams and Technician Shaw were also given the Olympic Torch they carried and the official Olympic running uniform as mementos of their participation in the 2002 Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Upcoming Events

- 11 Fire Chief's Visit, Battalion 3
C-Shift
- 12 Work Performance Evaluation, A-Shift
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Contact: Lieutenant Morrison
(703) 246-3970
- 14 Work Performance Evaluation, A-Shift
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Contact: Lieutenant Morrison
(703) 246-3970
- Fire Chief's Visit, Battalion 5
A-Shift
- Work Performance Evaluation, B-Shift
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Contact: Lieutenant Morrison
(703) 246-3970
- 17 Recruitment CPAT Test
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Contact: Recruitment
(703) 246-3939
- 18 Work Performance Evaluation, C-Shift
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Contact: Lieutenant Morrison
(703) 246-3970
- 19 Work Performance Evaluation, A-Shift
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Contact: Lieutenant Morrison
(703) 246-3970
- 20 Work Performance Evaluation, C-Shift
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Contact: Lieutenant Morrison
(703) 246-3970
- 22 Child Passenger Safety Checkpoint
Fire and Rescue Station No. 9
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- 28 Fire Chief's Visit, Battalion 3
B-Shift

April

- 3 Child Passenger Safety Checkpoint
Fire and Rescue Station No. 31
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- 4 Fire Chief's Visit, Battalion 4
B-Shift
- 11 Fire Chief's Visit, Battalion 4
C-Shift
- 22 Child Passenger Safety Checkpoint
Fire and Rescue Station No. 39
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- 25 Fire Chief's Visit, Battalion 5
C-Shift



104th Recruit School



Row One: Firefighter Clemente R. Rivera, Firefighter Alexander C. Obert, Firefighter Pedro P. Benavides, Firefighter Michael E. Klump, Firefighter Michael P. D'Amico, Firefighter Mack E. Baugh, and Firefighter Clavin M. Alexander. **Row Two:** Firefighter Clinton A. Brown, Firefighter Stephen P. McCay, Firefighter Keith F. Bresnahan, Firefighter William E. Thurston, Firefighter Frances J. Webb, Firefighter Timothy D. Willard, and Firefighter Patrick N. Winemiller. **Row Three:** Firefighter Eric S. Craven, Firefighter Frank J. Murphy, Firefighter Garner Marshall, Firefighter Andrew E. Dinkel, Firefighter Reginald L. Wadley, and Firefighter Daniel T. Hahn.

Awards & Presentations

November

Unit Citations

Ambulance 438

Technician Sean E. Fergusson
Firefighter Jason D. Updegraff

Engine 438

Captain I Michael B. Keys
Technician George V. Shepherd
Technician Joseph M. Jones
Firefighter Jevon K. Wilson

EMS403

Captain II R. Steven Cochran

Rescue 414

Captain II Joseph M. Kaleda
Technician Kit R. Hessel
Technician Herbert M. Knerr

Rescue 421

Lieutenant Bruce A. Neuhaus
Technician Stephen M. Schmidt
Technician Kurt A. Hoffman

Engine 421

Captain I Donald P. Montague
Technician Walter L. Baughman
Technician Cheryl L. Sherin
Firefighter Jorge E. Loayza

Rescue 439

Lieutenant Michael P. Regan
Technician William E. Teal
Firefighter Lloyd W. Coburn

December

Career Achievements

Technician Barry A. Anderson
Technician Donald C. Booth



Deputy Chief Jeffrey L. Donaldson (C-Shift) presents Technician Donald C. Booth with a Career Achievement Award for 25 years of safe driving.

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Shows MCT Menu Screen (ALT-M)

People who know all the answers usually don't understand the questions.



Captain II Edgar I. Burlingame, Jr., receives the Public Service Award from the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce on December 6, 2001. Captain Burlingame was honored for his work on safety issues concerning the Springfield mixing bowl reconstruction project and other important projects.



Captain II James (Scott) Lawson received the Firefighter of the Year award at the Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce Annual Holiday Party on December 18, 2001. The award is being presented to by Laurie Blackburn, President.

Top 10 Activity Report

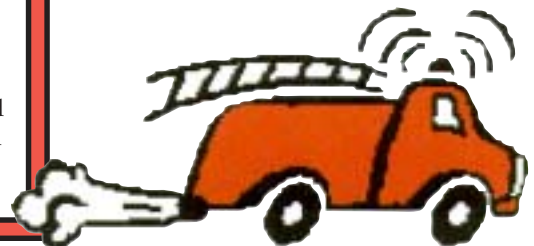
October/November/December 2001

Ambulance		Engine Company		Rescue Company	
Unit	Calls	Unit	Calls	Unit	Calls
A 413	625	E 408	798	R 426	499
A 410	624	E 410	775	R 401	424
A 408	581	E 413	774	R 421	398
A 430	545	E 429	769	R 418	389
A 409	519	E 422	764	R 411	315
A 414	460	E 421	747	R 414	280
A 428	440	E 409	745	R 439	249
A 438	436	E 401	727	R 419	245
A 436	427	E 425	667		
A 434	421	E 404	657		
Medic		Battalion Chiefs & EMS Captains		Ladder Company	
Unit	Calls	Unit	Calls	Unit	Calls
M 418	801	EMS5	421	T 429	406
M 408	683	EMS4	420	T 410	346
M 425	663	EMS2	364	T 4 2 5	340
M 422	647	EMS3	339	T 408	329
M 426	638	EMS6	312	T 422	306
M 421	630	EMS1	293	T 401	274
M 405	614	BC04	210	T 430	253
M 410	604	BC06	166	T 411	246
M 417	601	BC05	159	T 436	238
M 429	601	BC03	136	T 405	231

Unit activity is compiled from the event history file. A unit must be dispatched to a call to be included in an event history file. A unit add-on is not considered a dispatch. Mutual aid dispatches are included in the activity report.

Correction: In the September / October 2001 *Line Copy* I incorrectly stated that Station 31, B-Shift, personnel earned the "pass along award" for attendance at the Firefighters' Fund of Fairfax County (FFFC) Annual Dinner/Dance on November 3, 2001. My apologies to Station 31, C-Shift, personnel who earned the "pass along award" and the right to display it until November 2, 2002, at the FFFC Annual Dinner/Dance when the award will be passed on to the largest group in attendance.

Jacqueline Lewis
Production Editor



Arrests/Petitions

Date: 6/19/01 **Box:** 2122 **Address:** 4113 Stevenson Street **Type:** Comm **Narrative:** Fire investigators charged a 49-year-old female with setting a group home on fire. The defendant plead guilty. A sentencing hearing is scheduled for February.

Date: 7/1/01 **Box:** 0110 **Address:** 7400 Georgetown Pike **Type:** Vehicle **Narrative:** Fire investigators charged one adult with setting a fire capable of spreading. The defendant was found guilty. A mental evaluation was ordered. A sentencing hearing is scheduled for February.

Date: 7/6/01 **Box:** 1930 **Address:** 9632 Franklin Woods Place **Type:** House **Narrative:** Fire investigators charged one juvenile with using illegal fireworks.

Date: 7/8/01 **Box:** 4401 **Address:** 194 Laurel Way **Type:** Vehicle **Narrative:** Two juveniles were charged for unlawful activities with fireworks. The defendants received 12 months probation and \$100 fine.

Date: 8/22/01 **Box:** 2317 **Address:** 3616 Lido Place **Type:** Outside **Narrative:** Fire investigators charged three juveniles with setting fire to a dwelling. The defendants must pay restitution, received 12 months probation, and must attend the Juvenile Fire Stoppers Program.

Date: 9/2/01 **Box:** 2100 **Address:** 3997 Fair Ridge Drive **Type:** Dryer **Narrative:** Fire investigators charged two adults with tampering with fire alarms systems. The defendants must pay a \$50 fine.

Date: 9/5/01 **Box:** 1700 **Address:** 14231 Saint Germain Drive **Type:** Apartment **Narrative:** Fire investigators charged one adult with setting fire to a dwelling. The defendant must pay restitution, \$200 fine, and two years suspended.

Date: 9/7/01 **Box:** 2504 **Address:** 1600 Becontree Lane **Type:** Apartment **Narrative:** Fire investigators charged one adult with destroying personal property. The defendant must pay \$75 fee and 90 days suspended.

Date: 9/9/01 **Box:** 4408 **Address:** 1322 Monroe Street **Type:** Outside **Narrative:** Fire investigators charged two juveniles with setting a fire capable of spreading. The juveniles must attend the Juvenile Fire Stoppers Program.

Date: 9/26/01 **Box:** 1504 **Address:** 13319 Jasper Court **Type:** House **Narrative:** Fire investigators charged two juveniles with burning personal property. A trial date is set for December.



. . . You've Got Mail

E-mail received by Captain Richard Sweatt

Subject: Condolences

On behalf of the Belgian Fireobservers I wish to extend our words of condolences to the Firefighters in the U.S., and especially those in New York. I know that the enormous tragedy will keep them busy for awhile, so please make sure that our feelings of deep regrets will be passed on later when the situation calms down.

We are sending our deepest regrets and sincere condolences for the devastating tragedy that has befallen your department. The brotherhood of firefighters across the world feels your pain at this sad time. We are all trained to help those in need and often put our own lives in peril. The men and women who entered those buildings to save lives and in turn lost their own will never be forgotten. The scenes of destruction and human tragedy will be etched in our minds forever. Our hearts go out to the families, friends, and co-workers of all the brave rescuers. We also extend our sympathy and concern to the citizens of New York City, New York State, and all of America during this time.

With Greatest Sympathy,

Paul Vanlook

Gavere, Belgium

Large Loss Fire Investigations

Date: 10/9/01 Box: 2517 Address: 1411 Wynhurst Lane Type: House Cause: Accidental-Fireplace Value: \$1,058,754 Loss: \$300,000 Status: Closed
Date: 10/10/01 Box: 2302 Address: 4312 Kenwyn Court Type: House Cause: Accidental-Electrical Value: \$300,000 Loss: \$150,000 Status: Closed
Date: 10/19/01 Box: 1801 Address: 3230 Annandale Road Type: House Cause: Accidental-Furnace Value: \$200,000 Loss: \$75,000 Status: Closed
Date: 10/24/01 Box: 3512 Address: 7600 Ox Road Type: House Cause: Accidental-Electrical Value: \$200,000 Loss: \$130,000 Status: Closed
Date: 10/25/01 Box: 1209 Address: 448 River Bend Road Type: House Cause: Accidental-Spontaneous Value: \$4,000,000 Loss: \$200,000 Status: Closed
Date: 10/25/01 Box: 2119 Address: 13001 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway Type: Vehicle Cause: Accidental Value: \$58,500 Loss: \$58,500 Status: Closed
Date: 10/25/01 Box: 0673 Address: 5716 Quiet Brook Road Type: House Cause: Accidental-Charcoal Value: \$280,523 Loss: \$280,523 Status: Closed
Date: 10/27/01 Box: 0900 Address: 2819 Bass Court Type: Garage Cause: Accidental-Heat pyrolysis to wooden roof Value: \$120,000 Loss: \$100,000 Status: Closed
Date: 10/29/01 Box: 2316 Address: 3815 Chantal Lane Type: Garage Cause: Undetermined Value: \$90,000 Loss: \$90,000 Status: Inactive
Date: 10/29/01 Box: 1510 Address: 13850 Barnsfield Road Type: Garage Cause: Incendiary Value: \$65,000 Loss: \$62,000 Status: Open
Date: 11/04/01 Box: 0206 Address: 5716 Aubrey Place Court Type: House Cause: Accidental-Fireplace Value: \$300,000 Loss: \$100,000 Status: Closed
Date: 11/05/01 Box: 0206 Address: 5716 Silver Pine Drive Type: House Cause: Accidental-Lighter Value: \$300,000 Loss: \$300,000 Status: Closed
Date: 11/06/01 Box: 1501 Address: 13645 Stepney Lane Type: Townhouse Cause: Accidental-Electrical Value: \$200,000 Loss: \$100,000 Status: Closed
Date: 11/07/01 Box: 3703 Address: 7246 Wickford Drive Type: House Cause: Accidental-Smoking Value: \$206,000 Loss: \$50,000 Status: Closed
Date: 11/13/01 Box: 1200 Address: 190 River Park Drive Type: House Cause: Undetermined Value: \$70,435 Loss: \$70,435 Status: Inactive
Date: 11/14/01 Box: 2905 Address: 1318 Beulah Road Type: House Cause: Accidental-Smoking Value: \$400,000 Loss: \$400,000 Status: Closed
Date: 11/15/01 Box: 2402 Address: 4612 Steadman Place Type: House Cause: Accidental- Clothing left on lamp Value: \$125,000 Loss: \$100,000 Status: Closed
Date: 11/24/01 Box: 1405 Address: 9403 Raintree Road Type: House-Stove left on Cause: Accidental-Kitchen Value: \$375,000 Loss: \$375,000 Status: Closed

Community Outreach Highlights

November 14, 2001

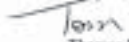
Captain Jerry A. Rousillon
Station Captain
Fire Station 18
Fairfax County Fire Rescue Department
3101 Hodge Place
Falls Church, VA 22042

Dear Station Captain Rousillon:

On behalf of the Fenwick Park Homeowners Association (FPHOA), I want to express my appreciation for the time and energy you and the firefighters and emergency medical team at Fire Station 18 have put into community awareness this past year. We know your team has played an integral role in numerous national and international fire rescue emergencies, yet you're always around the corner, ready to prevent injuries and save lives in the neighborhood.

We hope the enclosed donation will help your team improve fire safety awareness in the community, and look forward to working with you in the coming year to better educate our neighbors on these important life issues. If we can ever be of assistance to you, please feel free to call me at (703) 573-4081.

Sincerely,


Thomas M. Leary
3019 Fenwick Road
Falls Church, VA 22042



Firefighters from the "Highway" played Santa to over 300 youths this holiday season. The Progressive Firefighters, with assistance from Local 2068, teamed with Bank of America, KPMG Consulting, Safeway and other donors to collect the gifts. After wrapping the presents, firefighters delivered them to community centers and other locations.

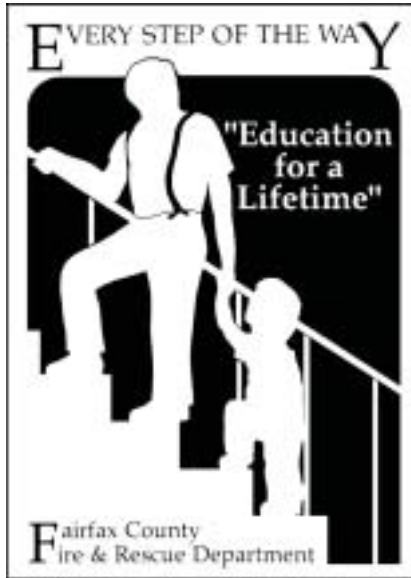


Captain II Andrew L. Duke interacts with students from Hayfield Elementary School as part of Fire and Rescue Station No. 37's mentoring program. Captain Duke and shift members also have lunch regularly with the students.



Firefighter Shirley A. McMillan, Fire and Rescue Station No. 37 (A-Shift) (front) and Technician Natalie D. Bell, Fire and Rescue Station No. 37 (A-Shift) (background) participate in Fire and Rescue Station No. 37's mentoring program talking with students at Hayfield Elementary School during their lunch break.

DON'T FORGET . . . the Every Step of the Way program schedules presentations for senior citizen groups as well as preschool age children. Promote the seniors program within your community. Call the Public Information and Life Safety Education Section at 703-246-3801 to obtain flyers promoting the seniors program.



Fire and Rescue Department Child Passenger Safety Biweekly Checkpoints

January - March 2002

Date	Shift	Station	Time
January 14	A	36	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
January 24	B	1	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
February 14	C	38	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
February 28	A	23	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
March 8	B	35	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
March 22	C	9	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Retirements

Dwight E. Hoskins
June 21, 1976 - November 2, 2001

William G. Reedy
May 2, 1977 - December 14, 2001

Judd P. Richards
January 3, 1977 - December 3, 2001

New Hires

Diane Imlay



"Taking Up"



Lieutenant
William G. (Bill) Reedy

Entry Date: May 3, 1977

Retirement Date: December 13, 2001

Assignments: 2, 15, 21, 24, 29, and 18

Likes about the Fire

Department: Unusual and difficult situations. These could come on incidents or just within the daily station environment.

Will miss about the Fire

Department: The many caring friends I accumulated in my career. Fire and Rescue Station 18, C-Shift, where I finished my career, I will miss all of you thanks for the great finish.

Plans for the future:

Commercial farm management.

Words of wisdom: Enjoy your job. Love your family.

What got you interested in the fire service? The idea of a profession that would present entirely different situations on a daily basis.

Who or what made an influence in your career? Jack Brown, Butch Sisler, and Jeff Coffman to name just a few. ❖



Station Profile

Woodlawn Fire and Rescue Station #24

Captain II
John J. Caussin
Station Commander

Station constructed: Broke ground in 1970, dedication October 23, 1971. Station 24 was the first fire and rescue station built with County bond referendum funds.

Station specialty: Will be acquiring a 95-foot ladder tower in early 2002.

Square miles in first due area: 6.9

Specific hazardous/target areas: Mount Vernon Estates, Woodlawn Plantation, Islamic Saudi Academy, Southside Government Center, Smitty's Lumber, and Campbell's Gas.

Total calls for 2001: 4,567

Equipment assigned to station: Engine, truck, medic, and medic reserve.

Station personnel: **A-Shift: Captain I Gregory L. Hedrick**, Lieutenant Leroy L. Butler, Lieutenant Timothy N. Dunaway, Lieutenant Reginald Lassiter, Lieutenant Christopher Thompson, Master Technician Jerry L. Smith, Technician Randolph M. Payne, Technician Glenn M. Snyder, Firefighter Raymond K. Beaver, Firefighter Eugene L. George, Firefighter Clarke V. Slaymaker, and Firefighter Craig M. White. **B-Shift: Captain I Thomas J. Schwartz**, Lieutenant Rodney V. Colbert, Lieutenant Troy H. Dean, Lieutenant Sheree E. Melton, Master Technician Willie F. Bailey, Technician Victoria R. Callow, Technician H. Timothy O'Toole, Firefighter Richard T. Bright, Firefighter Eric S. Britton, Firefighter Horace Pendergrass, and Firefighter Antjuan D. Proctor. **C-Shift: Captain II John J. Caussin**, Lieutenant Arthur D. Cox, Lieutenant Alan N. Cusic, Lieutenant Barbara R. Silva, Lieutenant Cheri E. Stroup, Master Technician Dale W. Dommel, Master Technician, Gregory Wasshenko, Technician Jeffrey J. Werth, Firefighter John L. Boyer, Firefighter Peter C. Kehne, Firefighter Cliff E. Sweeney, and Firefighter Ryan J. Ward.

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